MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Plans had to be made.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether they were made by the contractors in the department?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that Travancore contractors are far superior in point of ability to outside contractors?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Perhaps that is the opinion of Mr. S. J. Nair.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the Jagathy bridge, which was undertaken by a foreign contractor, still remains incomplete?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It has been completed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): How long did it take for the foreign contractor to complete it?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): On a point of Order. Jagathy bridge does not seem to have any particular reference to this question.

PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair sometimes travels from China to Peru. (*Laughter*)

Minor irrigation work in the Neyyattinkara Taluk.

261. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted for minor irrigation work in the Neyyattinkara taluk for the current year (1111); and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative,—

(i) the amount allotted;

(ii) the amount expended; and

(iii) the works undertaken this year (1111)?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Rs. 19,068.

(ii) Rs. 2,152 to end of 7/1111.

(iii) A list is laid on the table.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the number of tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I am sorry, I cannot answer this question.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Can the Chief Engineer tell me the number of tanks that are in disrepair and in a totally neglected condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The member must know it better.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the number of tanks that are silted up?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : That is a different question altogether.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* II) : How many times has the Irrigation Engineer visited Neyyattinkara after the bifurcation of Irrigation Section from the P. W. D ?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that the inhabitants of Neyyattinkara have to depend on rain water and tank water for purposes of irrigation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : That is more or less corret.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether any amount has been allowed to lapse during the last two years ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether Government propose to expend the balance left towards this purpose ?

PRESIDENT : What is the member's question ?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : It is stated in the answer that the amount allotted is Rs. 19,000 and odd, the amount expended being only over Rs. 2,000. There is a huge balance left. I want to know whether this huge balance will be utilised for improving minor irrigation works.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The amount of Rs. 2,000 and odd represents the cost of the work that has been paid for. There is a considerable amount of work done for which money has yet to be paid to the various contractors.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether there is any understanding between the Government and the Heads of Departments that a fair portion of the allotted amount should lapse ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I can say that as far as minor irrigation is concerned, there is no such understanding.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that the location of the Minor Irrigation Executive Engineer's as well as the Sub-Division Officer's office far away in Quilon has contributed at least to some extent the neglect of the southern taluks ?

PRESIDENT : Has the neglect been admitted ?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : In view of the representations made in this House as well as in the other House, has the Government considered the question of shifting at least one of the offices from Quilon to Trivandrum or Nagercoil so that the agriculturists of the southern division may have an easy approach to them ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Immediately they are shifted there will be complaints that the officers should be brought back again.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I ask whether the Minor Irrigation Department as at present constituted does not function properly?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Is the member asking the Chief Engineer's opinion?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Yes, the opinion of Government from the Chief Engineer.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Is it not a matter of opinion?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether the Irrigation Department is functioning well?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes, it is.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know from the member whether there is any necessity for revising the Minor Irrigation Rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have answered the member the same question yesterday or the day before yesterday.

PRESIDENT: There is no use in asking the same questions over and over again.

The Coffee Cess Committee.

262. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Travancore also is a member on the Coffee Cess Committee;

(*b*) whether Travancore was represented at the Coffee Cess Committee meeting held in Bangalore on 23-11-1935; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The approval of the appointment of the State Director of Agriculture as a member of the Coffee Cess Committee was not received from the India Government early enough to enable him to attend the meeting of the Committee.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the Travancore Government requested the Government of India for the approval of the appointment of the State Agricultural Director as a member of the Coffee Cess Committee?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the date?

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Appendix I.

***vide* Answer to Question No. 261**

List of works taken up during 1111 M. E. in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

1. Improvements to Vandichira thodu and other drainage works to Keezhambagom yela, Chengal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
2. Rain damages closing breaches in Perumpazhuthoor thodu constructing spillways in Neyyattinkara taluk.
3. Improvements to Marthandankulam in S. No. 94/9 Kottukal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
4. Improvements to Asaroorkulam in Chengal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
5. Improvements to Kuzhithalakonathukulam in Nemom pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
5. Improvements to Kottayilkulam in Maranalloor pakuthi.
7. Rain damages of 1/1108 in the Neyyattinkara taluk.
8. Rain damages in 1108 in Mudavupara thodu in Neyyattinkara taluk.
9. Rain damages of 1108—Irumbilkulam in Neyyattinkara taluk.
10. Improvements to Vettiyoorkulam in Chengal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
11. Improvements to Parambukonathukulam in Pallichal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
12. Repairs to rain damages of 10/08 closing breaches in Kulathoor thodu below Venkulam, Neyyattinkara taluk.
13. Rain damages to Vadacode Sasthancoil tank in Neyyattinkara pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
14. Rain damages of 3/110 closing breaches in Kulathoor thodu below Ayrayil tank in Kulathoor pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.
15. Improvements to Ayanthithalakulam in Neyyattinkara pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk.

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